

Consider the sequence  $p_n = (0.3)^n$ , with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (0.3)^n = 0$ . Thus convergence to zero is clear, but what is the rate of convergence?

Check for linear rate of convergence:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - p|}{|p_n - p|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(0.3)^{n+1} - 0}{(0.3)^n - 0} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(0.3)^n (0.3)}{(0.3)^n} = 0.3 = \lambda, \quad 0 < \lambda < 1$$

$\therefore p_n \rightarrow p$  linearly, since  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ .

Check for quadratic rate of convergence:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - p|}{|p_n - p|^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(0.3)^{n+1}}{(0.3)^{2n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(0.3)^n (0.3)}{(0.3)^n (0.3)^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(0.3)^{n-1}} = 0 = \lambda$$

$\therefore p_n$  does not converge to  $p$  quadratically, since  $\lambda \notin (0, 1)$ .

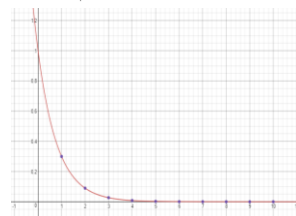
Check for other rates of convergence:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - p|}{|p_n - p|^\alpha} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(0.3)^{n+1}}{(0.3)^{n\alpha}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (0.3)^{n+1-n\alpha} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (0.3)^{n+1-n\alpha} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (0.3)^{n(1-\alpha)+1} = \begin{cases} 0.3, & \alpha = 1 \\ 0, & \alpha > 1 \\ \infty, & \alpha < 1 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore p_n \rightarrow p$  linearly, and this is the only rate of convergence possible.

$$p(n) = (.3)^n$$

$x_i$	$p(x_i)$
1	0.3
2	0.09
3	0.027
4	0.0081
5	0.00243
6	$7.29 \times 10^{-4}$
7	$2.187 \times 10^{-4}$
8	$6.561 \times 10^{-5}$
9	$1.9683 \times 10^{-5}$
10	$5.9049 \times 10^{-6}$



We can use Steffensen's Method to accelerate the convergence of  $p_n = (0.3)^n$  to zero:

$$A(p_n) = p_n - \frac{(p_{n+1} - p_n)^2}{p_{n+2} - 2p_{n+1} + p_n}$$

$n$	$p_n$	$p_n^{(k)}$
0	1	1.00000
1	0.3	0.30000
2	0.09	0.09000
3	0.027	0.00000
4	0.0081	0.00000
5	0.00243	0.00000
6	0.000729	#DIV/0!
7	0.0002187	#DIV/0!
8	0.00006561	#DIV/0!
9	0.000019683	#DIV/0!
10	5.9049E-06	#DIV/0!
11	1.77147E-06	#DIV/0!
12	5.31441E-07	#DIV/0!

	A	B	C
1	$n$	$p_n$	$p_n^{(k)}$
2	0	=0.3^A2	=B2
3	1	=0.3^A3	=B3
4	2	=0.3^A4	=B4
5	3	=0.3^A5	=C2-(C3-C2)^2/(C4-2*C3+C2)
6	4	=0.3^A6	=C5^A6
7	5	=0.3^A7	=C6^A7
8	6	=0.3^A8	=C5-(C6-C5)^2/(C7-2*C6+C5)
9	7	=0.3^A9	=C8^A9
10	8	=0.3^A10	=C9^A10
11	9	=0.3^A11	=C8-(C9-C8)^2/(C10-2*C9+C8)
12	10	=0.3^A12	=C11^A12
13	11	=0.3^A13	=C12^A13
14	12	=0.3^A14	=C11-(C12-C11)^2/(C13-2*C12+C11)

## Ch2.5 Accelerating Convergence

How might we obtain quadratic convergence in general?

Aitken's  $\Delta^2$  Method accelerates a linearly convergent sequence.

Suppose  $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is linearly convergent, with limit  $p$ , and suppose

$p_n - p$ ,  $p_{n+1} - p$ ,  $p_{n+2} - p$  all have the same sign. Also, assume

$$\frac{p_{n+1} - p}{p_n - p} \approx \frac{p_{n+2} - p}{p_{n+1} - p}, \quad n \text{ large enough}$$

Then

$$(p_{n+1} - p)^2 \approx (p_{n+2} - p)(p_n - p)$$

Solving for  $p$ , and simplifying, we have

$$p \approx p_n - \frac{(p_{n+1} - p_n)^2}{p_{n+2} - 2p_{n+1} + p_n}$$

From the previous page,

$$p \cong p_n - \frac{(p_{n+1} - p_n)^2}{p_{n+2} - 2p_{n+1} + p_n}$$

Aitken's  $\Delta^2$  Method defines

$$\hat{p}_n = p_n - \frac{(p_{n+1} - p_n)^2}{p_{n+2} - 2p_{n+1} + p_n}$$

As we will see,  $\hat{p}_n \rightarrow p$  faster than  $p_n \rightarrow p$ .

Example Consider the sequence  $\{p_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  with  $p_n = \cos(\frac{1}{n})$ , which converges linearly to  $p = 1$ . (Show)

$$p_1 = \cos(1) \cong 0.54030$$

$$p_2 = \cos(\frac{1}{2}) \cong 0.87758$$

$$p_3 = \cos(\frac{1}{3}) \cong 0.94496$$

$$\hat{p}_1 = p_1 - \frac{(p_2 - p_1)^2}{p_3 - 2p_2 + p_1} \cong 0.96178$$

Etc - See Table 2.11 for results.

Definition For a given sequence  $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  the forward difference  $\Delta p_n$  is

$$\Delta p_n = p_{n+1} - p_n, \quad n \geq 0.$$

Higher powers  $\Delta^k p_n$  are defined recursively by  $\Delta^k p_n = \Delta(\Delta^{k-1} p_n)$ ,  $k \geq 2$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta^2 p_n &= \Delta(\Delta p_n) \\ &= \Delta(p_{n+1} - p_n) \\ &= (p_{n+2} - p_{n+1}) - (p_{n+1} - p_n) \\ &= p_{n+2} - 2p_{n+1} + p_n\end{aligned}$$

Aitken's  $\Delta^2$  Method iterates are thus

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{p}_n &= p_n - \frac{(p_{n+1} - p_n)^2}{p_{n+2} - 2p_{n+1} + p_n} \\ &= p_n - \frac{(\Delta p_n)^2}{\Delta^2 p_n}, \quad n \geq 0\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.13 Suppose that a sequence  $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges linearly to  $p$  and that for all sufficiently large values of  $n$ , we have

$$(p_n - p)(p_{n+1} - p) > 0.$$

Then the sequence  $\{\hat{p}_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  converges to  $p$  faster than  $\{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  in the sense that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\hat{p}_n - p}{p_n - p} = 0.$$

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What about quadratic convergence?  
To accomplish this, we consider Steffensen's method, which modifies Aitken's  $\Delta^2$  method.



### Aitken's $\Delta^2$ Method

$$\hat{p}_n = p_n - \frac{(p_{n+1} - p_n)^2}{p_{n+2} - 2p_{n+1} + p_n}$$

$$p_0$$

$$p_1 = g(p_0)$$

$$p_2 = g(p_1)$$

$$\hat{p}_0 = p_0 - \frac{(\Delta p_0)^2}{\Delta^2 p_0}$$

$$p_3 = g(p_2)$$

$$\hat{p}_1 = p_1 - \frac{(\Delta p_1)^2}{\Delta^2 p_1}$$

$\vdots$

### Steffensen's Method

$$p_0$$

$$p_1 = g(p_0)$$

$$p_2 = g(p_1)$$

$$\tilde{p}_0 = p_0 - \frac{(\Delta p_0)^2}{\Delta^2 p_0}$$

$$\tilde{p}_1 = g(\tilde{p}_0)$$

$$\tilde{p}_2 = g(\tilde{p}_1)$$

$$\tilde{p}_3 = \tilde{p}_0 - \frac{(\Delta \tilde{p}_0)^2}{\Delta^2 \tilde{p}_0}$$

$\vdots$

Book's Notation for Steffensen method:

$$p_0^{(0)}, p_1^{(0)}, p_2^{(0)}, p_0^{(1)}, p_1^{(1)}, p_2^{(1)}, p_0^{(2)}, p_1^{(2)}, p_2^{(2)}, \dots$$

$$\uparrow$$
  
 $\tilde{p}_0$

$$\uparrow$$
  
 $\tilde{p}_1$

$$\uparrow$$
  
 $\tilde{p}_2$

$$\uparrow$$
  
 $\tilde{p}_3$

$\dots$

## 2.5 Accelerating Convergence

### Steffensen's

To find a solution to  $p = g(p)$  given an initial approximation  $p_0$ :

**INPUT** initial approximation  $p_0$ ; tolerance  $TOL$ ; maximum number of iterations  $N_0$ .

**OUTPUT** approximate solution  $p$  or message of failure.

**Step 1** Set  $i = 1$ .

**Step 2** While  $i \leq N_0$  do Steps 3–6.

**Step 3** Set  $p_1 = g(p_0)$ ; (Compute  $p_1^{(i-1)}$ .)

$p_2 = g(p_1)$ ; (Compute  $p_2^{(i-1)}$ .)

$p = p_0 - (p_1 - p_0)^2 / (p_2 - 2p_1 + p_0)$ . (Compute  $p_0^{(i)}$ .)

**Step 4** If  $|p - p_0| < TOL$  then

OUTPUT ( $p$ ); (Procedure completed successfully.)

STOP.

**Step 5** Set  $i = i + 1$ .

**Step 6** Set  $p_0 = p$ . (Update  $p_0$ .)

**Step 7** OUTPUT ('Method failed after  $N_0$  iterations,  $N_0 =$ ',  $N_0$ );

(Procedure completed unsuccessfully.)

STOP.

Example Solve  $x^3 + 4x^2 - 10 = 0$   
using Steffensen's Method.

Recall from Section 2.2, Example 3(d)  
that we can rewrite this equation  
as

$$x = g(x) = \left( \frac{10}{x+4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Start with  $p_0 = 1.5$ . Then

$$p_0^{(0)} = 1.5$$

$$p_1^{(0)} = g(p_0^{(0)}) = 1.348399725$$

$$p_2^{(0)} = g(p_1^{(0)}) = 1.367376372$$

$$p_0^{(1)} = p_0^{(0)} - \frac{(\Delta p_0^{(0)})^2}{\Delta^2(p_0^{(0)})} = p_0^{(0)} - \frac{(p_1^{(0)} - p_0^{(0)})^2}{(p_2^{(0)} - 2p_1^{(0)} + p_0^{(0)})}$$

$$= 1.365265224$$

$$p_1^{(1)} = g(p_0^{(1)}) = 1.365225534$$

$$p_2^{(1)} = g(p_1^{(1)}) = 1.365230583$$

$$p_0^{(2)} = p_0^{(1)} - \frac{(\Delta p_0^{(1)})^2}{\Delta^2(p_0^{(1)})} = 1.365230013$$

$\vdots$

Note:

$$p \approx 1.365230013$$



Steffensen's Method results for this example,

$$f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 10 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = g(x) = \left(\frac{10}{x+4}\right)^{1/2},$$

are comparable to Newton's Method for this problem in Section 2.4 (Ex 4).

The rapid convergence suggests quadratic convergence, without evaluating a derivative.

Theorem 2.14 Suppose  $x = g(x)$  has the solution  $p$  with  $g'(p) \neq 1$ .

If  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $g \in C^3[p-\delta, p+\delta]$ ,

then Steffensen's Method gives quadratic convergence for any

$p_0 \in [p-\delta, p+\delta]$ .

Example Let  $g(x) = 1 + e^{-x}$   
use Steffensen's Method to find  $p_0^{(1)}, p_0^{(2)}$ .

Solution Recall

$$p_n = g(p_{n-1})$$

$$\hat{p}_n = A(p_n) = p_n - \frac{(p_{n+1} - p_n)^2}{p_{n+2} - 2p_{n+1} + p_n}$$

$$p_0^{(0)} = p_0 = 1$$

$$p_1^{(0)} = p_1 = g(p_0) = 1.367879441171$$

$$p_2^{(0)} = p_2 = g(p_1) = 1.25464638044$$

$$p_0^{(1)} = A(p_0^{(0)}) = A(p_0) = 1.281296542056$$

$$p_1^{(1)} = g(p_0^{(1)}) = 1.277677046992$$

$$p_2^{(1)} = g(p_1^{(1)}) = 1.278683918778$$

$$p_0^{(2)} = A(p_0^{(1)}) = 1.278464785530$$

In our class notes for Ch 2.4, one of the examples sought to solve  $f(x) = e^x - x - 1 = 0$ . Since  $f(0) = f'(0) = 0$  and  $f''(0) \neq 0$ , it follows that  $p = 0$  is a zero of multiplicity two. See graph. In the work below, we use Steffensen's Method where  $g_1(x)$  is the Newton's method iterating function. In the Excel table, the modified Newton results for  $g_2(x)$  are also shown for comparison.

$$f(x) = e^x - x - 1$$

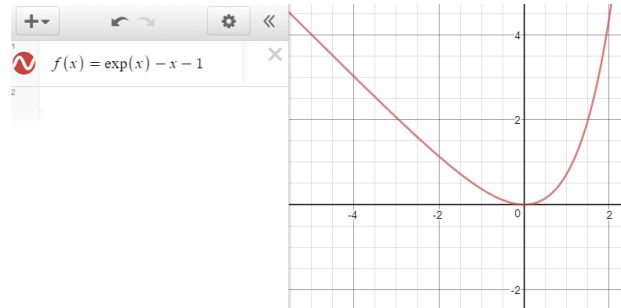
$$f'(x) = e^x - 1$$

$$f''(x) = e^x$$

$$g_1(x) = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$$

$$g_2(x) = x - \frac{f(x)f'(x)}{[f'(x)]^2 - f(x)f''(x)}$$

$$A(p_n) = p_n - \frac{(p_{n+1} - p_n)^2}{p_{n+2} - 2p_{n+1} + p_n}$$



	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Find Root	$f(x) = e^x - x - 1$			
2			$g1(x) = x - (e^x - x - 1)/(e^x - 1)$			
3			$g2(x) = x - (e^x - x - 1)(e^x - 1)/((e^x - 1)^2 - (e^x - x - 1)e^x)$			
4			$A(x,y,x) = x - (x-y)^2/(z-2y+x)$			
5						
6	$n$	$g1$	$g2$	$p(n,k)$		
7	0	1	1	1		
8	1	0.581976707	-0.234210614	0.581976707		
9	2	0.319055041	-0.00845828	0.319055041		
10	3	0.167996173	-1.18902E-05	-0.126638558		
11	4	0.086348874	-4.21859E-11	-0.061983192		
12	5	0.043795704	-4.21859E-11	-0.030671457		
13	6	0.022057685	-4.21859E-11	-0.001267797		
14	7	0.011069387		-0.000633764		
15	8	0.005544905		-0.000316849		
16	9	0.002775014		-1.33872E-07		
17	10	0.001388149		-6.58683E-08		
18	11	0.000694235		-3.21579E-08		
19	12	0.000347158		9.79286E-10		
20	13	0.000173589		9.79286E-10		
21	14	8.6797E-05		9.79286E-10		
22	15	4.33991E-05		#DIV/0!		
23	16	2.16997E-05				